



## **Guidelines for 2026 ASP Student Conference Funding Scheme**

**2026 ASP Annual Conference will be held at Mantra on View Hotel, Surfers Paradise, QLD, Australia from June 29 – July 2, 2026.**

The Australian Society for Parasitology offers all bona fide ASP student members the opportunity for part reimbursement of the costs of attending the Annual Meeting of the Society. The money available varies from year to year but usually covers between 50 and 75% of the Registration, Accommodation and Travel costs. The actual amount of reimbursement depends on the costs of the Meeting and the numbers of students applying. All student members of at least 3 months standing (i.e. applicants must have been a member of the ASP for at least 3 months prior to the commencement of the conference, or in this case, prior to 9 April 2026) may apply for this bursary provided they are enrolled at a recognised Australian University. Postgraduate students are eligible for up to 1 year after completion of their studies.

To apply for the 2026 ASP Student Conference Funding scheme please register for the conference and complete all the fields in the ASP Students Conference Funding Scheme section. If you have already registered for the conference please log in to conftool and under the heading “As participant you have the following options:” select “Edit Your Participant Registration Details” and complete all the fields in the ASP Students Conference Funding Scheme section.

**To be eligible for a 2026 ASP Student Conference Funding Scheme you must have a valid ASP Student membership by 8 April 2026 and meet all of the other criteria. Please apply online through your conference registration by the early bird deadline to get the cheapest possible conference registration rate.**

The conditions of the ASP Student Conference Funding Scheme are:

1. Applicants must be currently, or recently (less than one year's duration), enrolled for a higher degree. Applicants are eligible for up to 1 year after completion of their postgraduate studies.
2. Applicants must have been a member of the ASP for at least 3 months prior to the commencement of the conference (or in this case **prior to 9 April 2026**).
3. Successful applicants should attend the 2026 ASP conference in person.
4. Successful applicants should attend the 2026 ASP AGM.
5. It is not essential for current students to present a paper at the conference to be eligible for the funding. However, we do strongly encourage students to present their work, even if they have obtained preliminary data.
6. Applicants must promote the ASP during their activities; this may include using the ASP logo on presentations, and acknowledging the ASP support. Logos and wording to acknowledge the ASP support will be supplied.
7. Realistic estimates of travel and accommodation costs must be provided upon application. Applicants must list the actual or estimated cost of fees, accommodation, and travel as part of their conference registration form.
8. The Australian Society for Parasitology Inc. are not responsible for costs incurred due to disruption to travel due to an outbreak of an epidemic including any future outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) or where governmental travel restrictions are imposed due to an epidemic or a pandemic or other health related things and the ASP Student Conference Funding Scheme cannot be used for these costs. For example the ASP Student Conference Funding Scheme cannot be used for insurance costs, health costs, cost of cancellation, rebooking or extension of travel or the costs of mandatory quarantine.
9. Administration of the ASP Student Conference Funding Scheme will be the responsibility of the student's host institution (or see alternative below). Payment will be made upon receipt of a tax invoice from the applicant's host institution. It will be the responsibility of the applicant's host institution to keep records (including all relevant receipts) of the expenses paid from the ASP funding. Alternatively students may complete an ASP requisition form and forward this along with all tax receipts directly to the ASP Treasurer for payment of the Funding.
10. Details of the awardee and their institution may be used for publicity purposes.
11. **Please ensure you are a member of the ASP by 8 April 2026.**
12. **Please apply for 2026 ASP Student Conference Funding Scheme by 8 April 2026.**

For all conference information see the website  
<http://www.parasite.org.au/aspconference>

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